

Alan Brockman for a long and distinguished career, and on behalf of New York's First Congressional District and indeed all of Long Island, I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

- (1) Rollcall No. 427 "yea" (H.R. 2808).
- (2) Rollcall No. 428 "yea" (H. Res. 605).
- (3) Rollcall No. 429 "yea" (H. Res. 875).

HONORING JUKE VAN OSS ON 55 YEARS OF BROADCASTING ON WHTC 1450

### HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Juke Van Oss for 55 years of broadcasting on WHTC 1450 in Holland, Mich. On Aug. 12, Juke celebrated 55 years of service to the station and his community.

Juke began his career in radio during World War II on the Pacific Front, transporting a radio for his infantry troop and transmitting codes. When the war ended, he returned home and continued to foster his interest in radio, obtaining his amateur license and later securing a job as a radio engineer for WHTC at 27 years old.

It was not until one morning that the announcer failed to arrive on time that Juke was able to sit at the microphone. An instant favorite of listeners, Van Oss began hosting his own morning show, and for the past 45 years he has hosted "Talk of the Town." Juke has become a household name and a local celebrity in the Holland area through his years behind the mic at WHTC.

When Juke started broadcasting in 1951, the United Nations headquarters officially opened in New York, "I Love Lucy" debuted on CBS and Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants hit the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" game-winning home run against the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the National League pennant.

Mr. Van Oss is not only a radio personality, but a community servant. He has served as a member of the Saugatuck Schools Board of Education and Village Council, including three years as Mayor, as well as President of the Chamber of Commerce and a seat on the Region 8 Criminal Justice Planning Council.

Mr. Speaker, please let it be known that on this Sept. 7, 2006, that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledges the achievements of Mr. Van Oss and wishes him the best in his upcoming years of broadcast.

BEAM ME UP

### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, let me get this straight: The Bush administration won't let the democratically elected President of Taiwan, a staunch ally and longtime friend of the United States, so much as stop to fill his airplane with gas in Alaska.

Yet they didn't hesitate to issue a visa to Muhammad Khatami, the former President of Iran—a country the U.S. has classified as a state sponsor of terrorism for nearly the last 30 years.

What can we expect next from the Rocket Scientists at State Department Mr. Speaker?

Fidel Castro throwing out the first pitch at the next Yankee game?

Kim Jong I spending the weekend at Disneyland?

Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir giving a guest lecture on human rights at Cal-Berkeley?

Hugo Chavez playing a round of golf at Army Navy?

As our old friend used to say Mr. Speaker—Beam Me Up.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in my lifetime, no issue has so disturbed our domestic tranquility than immigration reform.

Thanks to the leadership of this House, the American people are convinced we have a serious problem with illegal immigration and the American people know the Senate bill granting amnesty to 12M illegal immigrants is not the answer.

There are many ideas of how we can move forward. Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON of Texas and I have proposed a compromise that would:

—put border security first and reject amnesty;

—after 2 years of border security only, our plan would set up a new guest worker program using American employment firms outside the United States;

—illegal immigrants would be required to leave the country and apply at these Ellis Island Centers by submitting to a background check and health screening before being issued a 2-year guest worker visa. They also would have to pass an English course to renew it; and

—tough employer sanctions would drive companies and employees into this new system.

Pence-Hutchison puts border security first, and once that is accomplished, it creates a new guest worker program outside the United States without amnesty and without creating a new federal bureaucracy.

Some in Congress think we have done enough. I believe we must do more. Even in this contentious election year, the American people expect us to "be strong, courageous

and do the work" they elected this Congress to do.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVERY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES JOE MAGEE AND COREY JACKSON

### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, the swift, determined and heroic actions of Northampton County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Magee and Northampton County Sheriff's Deputy Corey Jackson preserved the peace and protected the citizens of our community in eastern North Carolina.

During the incident, Deputy Joe Magee, a 28-year law enforcement veteran, and Deputy Corey Jackson, a 3½-year veteran of the sheriff's department, bravely took control of an enraged, armed suspect in the courtroom of the Northampton County Courthouse.

Facing a charge of murder, the suspect flew into a rage when Superior Court Judge Alma L. Hinton rejected a request to dismiss his lawyer. Despite being shackled, the suspect managed to wrestle a gun from a nearby state correction officer and fired shots.

Deputy Corey Jackson forced the suspect's arms toward the ceiling after a corrections officer was struck by a bullet in the shoulder and Deputy Joe Magee shot the inmate in the abdomen, ending the threat.

These decisive, heroic and selfless actions preserved the lives of those present and met the highest call of duty. It is my privilege today to commend the officers for their outstanding efforts and for acts of courage and quick thinking that saved the lives of the people they are sworn to protect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Northampton County, North Carolina, whom it is my privilege to represent, and on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize and thank Deputy Joe Magee and Deputy Corey Jackson. Their tireless dedication and exceptional bravery serve our community and our Nation well.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN TIPPETS, NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Tippetts, the president and CEO of American Airlines Federal Credit Union, located in Dallas-Fort Worth on his election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). John has been an advocate for federal credit unions for over 15 years at the state and local level.

I know John will serve with distinction in his new post, as this is just one more in a long

list of accomplishments. In addition to serving as President and CEO at AAFCU, he previously served on the Board of Directors as well. John previously served on the Filene Institute Advisory Council, the Federal Reserve's Thrift Institutions Advisory Council and Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council. Further, John currently serves on the Aspen Institute's Advisory Board for the "Initiative on Financial Security" and on NAFCU's Legislative Committee.

Under John's leadership, AAFCU has continued to grow, serving over 200,000 employees of the air transportation industry. During his time at AAFCU, John has worked hard to ensure that the credit union continue to reflect the original goals of the credit union movement; promoting thrift, encouraging volunteer leadership and cooperative ownership. AAFCU provides helpful, timely, personal service that caters to the needs and financial goals of individual members. It is that service that is the hallmark of AAFCU and the credit union movement.

Again, I wish John good luck in his new position as a member of NAFCU's Board of Directors.

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REMEMBERING THE HEROES OF  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today upon the 5th anniversary of September 11, 2001, in solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks that befell our beloved country on that tragic day. Americans awoke that day to witness sudden, deliberate, unconventional and planned attacks on our country and on the ideals of freedom and democracy that we cherish and hold dear to our hearts. On Guam, we were ending our day due to the time zone difference. We tuned to the live television news coverage of the attacks and watched in disbelief as the events unfolded.

The scenes from the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and on the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, are etched into our memories. Many of us remember where we were that day when we first learned of the attacks, who we were with, where we first sought refuge and consolation, and where we turned in the days that followed to offer our support to those that lost loved ones, to donate blood, or to simply lend a helping hand in a remembrance project.

On this anniversary we recall the 3,031 innocent individuals whose lives were lost as a result of these terrorist attacks. We remember the valor of those who came face-to-face with the terrorists on the hijacked commercial airplanes, the courage of those trapped inside the targeted buildings, and the bravery of the first responders who came to their rescue. We remember the dedication of the personnel from the Port Authority of New York and the Federal Aviation Administration who worked under extreme pressure that day to safeguard our transportation networks and to protect the lives of passengers, pilots, and flight crews en

route and in the air. Their professionalism brought control and command in an environment threatened with chaos and distress.

On Monday, September 11, 2006, the people of Guam will join the rest of the country in remembering and mourning the innocent victims of the terrorist attacks, as well as the brave men and women who gave of their lives trying to save others in the aftermath.

The events of September 11, 2001, have helped strengthen our country. Today, we are more resilient, stronger, and especially proud of our first responders and law enforcement community. Our commercial aviation industry has rebounded and commercial flight today inside the United States is safe as a result of the professionalism and dedication of airport and airline employees.

We must continue to denounce those who would do evil against our country, and to our allies around the world, and we must continue to support our men and women, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, who fight terror abroad today.

God Bless the families who lost loved ones to the heinous attacks on our country on September 11, 2001, God Bless those who lost their lives fighting terror on foreign shores and those who continue to fight, and God Bless Guam, and God Bless our great country, the United States of America.

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ACCOUNTABLE BUDGETING  
COMMISSION

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, in 1967 the Federal Government spent just over \$157 billion and operated with a deficit that was under \$9 billion. Today, almost 40 years later, the Federal Government spends approximately \$2.7 trillion and has a \$260 billion deficit.

The Federal Government's total spending and oversight has vastly changed from the 1960s, yet it still operates under the basic accounting rules established 40 years ago by President Lyndon Johnson's Commission on Budget Concepts.

Just as an engine of a 1967 Chevrolet Impala would be an automotive disaster in a 2006 Toyota Prius, our economic policies suffer today because we are using outdated concepts and antiquated accounting practices.

Today, I am introducing the Accountable Budgeting Commission. This needed legislation will provide the long overdue review of the underlying concepts that are impairing our ability to properly and effectively analyze and understand the issues we face in the 21st century.

This Commission will provide the necessary oversight and make recommendations on ways to modernize our basic budgetary principles as Congress brings more accountability and transparency to the budget process.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important and long overdue legislation.

HONORING MR. RAY L. PERETTI  
OF KENT, WASHINGTON

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight and commend the service of Ray L. Peretti of the Ninth Congressional District of Washington, for his service to his community and the Nation as a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents.

Mr. Peretti recently completed his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents, and has also served in many positions of responsibility in the association. Mr. Peretti has been a member of the board of directors of PIA National since 1995. He was also a member of the board of directors of PIA of Washington/Alaska, which is now part of the PIA Western Alliance, serving as vice president, president-elect and president and on various committees.

Mr. Peretti has served on the State of Washington Property and Casualty Advisory Committee. He was named Agent of the Year by PIA of Washington/Alaska in 1995, received the Hartford/Jonathan Trumbull Council's Chairman's Award. Mr. Peretti was also honored by the Insurance Fire Mark Society of the Pacific Northwest with its Presidential Award, and is the recipient of a public relations award from the Insurance Women of South King County.

Active in his community, Mr. Peretti is the owner of the Hub Insurance Agency of Renton, Washington. A lifelong member of the Renton Lions Club, he is also a member of the Renton Chamber of Commerce, serving 6 years as a member of its board of directors, and has been a member of the Renton Arts Commission and the Renton Ethics Board.

As a professional insurance agent, Mr. Peretti's dedication to the highest standards of his profession has earned him the respect of his friends, associates, business colleagues, and of the insurance industry as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to rise today to recognize the good work that Ray L. Peretti has done throughout his career as a member of the insurance community, and to again congratulate him on the completion of his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF ERNESTO  
MERCADER ESPALDON

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Dr. Ernesto Mercader Espaldon who passed away on August 4, 2006. Dr. Espaldon was a devoted husband and father, an accomplished physician, a dedicated public servant, and community leader.

Born on November 11, 1926, to Cipriano Acuna Espaldon and Claudia Cadag Mercader in Simunul, Sulu Province, Philippines, young